Supporting Information

Structural Characterization and Antioxidant Activity of Milled Wood Lignin from Xylose Residue and Corncob

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Figure S1. Main structures of lignin fractions of corncob, involving different side-chain linkages, and aromatic units by 2D HSQC NMR. (A) β -O-4' linkages; (A') β -O-4 linkages with acetylated g-carbon; (A") β -O-4 linkages with p-counmaroylated γ -carbon; (C) phenylcoumarance structures formed by β -5' and α -O-4' linkages; (I) cinnamyl alcohol end-groups; (J) cinnamyl aldehyde end-groups; (S) syringyl unit; (G) guaiacyl unit; (H) p-hydroxyphenyl unit; (FA) ferulate; (*p*CA) p-coumarate; (T) tricin.

Label	δС/δн	assignment
Aγ	59.65/3.61 and 3.27	C_{γ} – H_{γ} in β -O-4' substructures (A)
\mathbf{I}_{γ}	61.3/4.09	C_{γ} – H_{γ} in <i>p</i> -hydroxycinnamyl (sinapyl/coniferyl) alcohol (I)
A'_{γ}/A''_{γ}	62.7/3.83-4.30	C_{γ} - H_{γ} in γ -acylated β -O-4' substructures (A'/A'')
I'_{γ}	64.0/4.79	C_{γ} - H_{γ} in γ -acylated cinnamyl alcohol end-groups (I')
Αα	71.8/4.80	Ca-Ca in β -O-4' substructures
$\begin{array}{c} A_{\beta(G)} \text{ and} \\ A'_{\beta(S)} \end{array}$	83.4/4.31	C_{β} -H _{β} in β -O-4' substructures linked to a G unit (A) and in γ -acylated β -O-4' substructures linked to a S unit (A')
$A_{\beta(S)}$	85.9/4.12	C_{β} -H _{β} in β -O-4' substructures linked to a S unit (erythro) (A)
S _{2,6}	103.7/6.71	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in etherified syringyl units (S)
T′2,6	103.9/7.30	C _{2',6'} -H _{2',6'} in tricin (T)
Тз	104.7/7.03	C ₃ -H ₃ in tricin (T)
G ₂	110.7/6.98	C_2 -H ₂ in guaiacyl units (G)
FA ₂	111.0/7.32	C ₂ -H ₂ in ferulate (FA)
J _{2(G)}	112.24/7.25	C ₂ -H ₂ in cinnamyl aldehyde end-groups (J)
pCA _β and FA _β	113.5/6.27	C_{β} - H_{β} in p-coumarate (<i>p</i> CA) and ferulate (FA)
G ₅	114.9/6.72 and 6.94	C₅-H₅ in guaiacyl units (G)
PCA _{3,5}	115.5/6.77	$C_{3,5}$ -H _{3,5} in p-coumarate (pCA)
G_6	118.7/6.77	C6-H6 in guaiacyl units (G)
J _{6(G)}	122.3/7.10	C6-H6 in cinnamyl aldehyde end-groups (J)
H2,6	127.8/7.22	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in p-hydroxyphenyl units (H)
PCA _{2,6}	129.9/7.46	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in p -coumarate (p CA)
PCA_{α} and FA_{α}	144.7/7.45	C_{α} -H _{α} in <i>p</i> -coumarate (<i>p</i> CA) and ferulate (FA)

Table S1. Assignments of main lignin ¹³C-¹H correlation signals in the HSQC NMR spectra shown in Figure 2.